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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:    | ) | Group Art Unit:   | 2135        |
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| Stephan W. Gehring       | ) | Examiner:         | Linh LD Son |
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| Filed: February 16, 2001 | ) |                   |             |
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| For: ENCRYPTION AND      | ) |                   |             |
| DECRYPTION SYSTEM FOR    | ) |                   |             |
| MULTIPLE NODE NETWORK    | ) |                   |             |
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Carlsbad, California 92008  
October 21, 2004

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2004, a response to which is due November 2, 2004, the following remarks are submitted for the Examiner's consideration.